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11. (SBU) Post staff have actively engaged the Government of Suriname (GOS) on this and other Kosovo-related issues. Demarches were made on Kosovo recognition and the International Court of Justice vote to the Head of the the European Division and the Acting Head of the International Organizations Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). On the International Monetary Fund and World Bank votes, the Ambassador conveyed the U.S. position to the Permanent Secretary at the MFA, and later spoke personally with Minister of Foreign Affairs Lygia Kraag-Keteldijk. Certainly Post has been emphatic in our communication to the GOS that Kosovo is of critical importance to the USG. After having taking the issue to the highest levels of the GOS, and having never received a positive response from the GOS with respect to Kosovo, we have regretfully determined that it would now be counterproductive to deliver this demarche at this time.

SCHREIBER HUGHES